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Medical errors report released

ACH Alberta Health Services released the full report into four serious mix-ups at the Alberta Children's Hospital on Thursday after the health minister ordered it to be made public last week.

The 58-page report found two of the four errors could have been prevented if the board had implemented previous recommendations from other incidents.

The Health Quality Council of Alberta report explored four errors that occurred in the same unit at the Alberta Children's Hospital in February and March 2009. **METRO CALGARY**

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City fire crews battled a stubborn, wind-propelled blaze yesterday afternoon at a southwest condo complex. It was estimated that more than 400 residents have been displaced as a result of the fire.

Fire consumes condos

Hundreds homeless after blaze engulfs top floor of SW complex

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Hundreds of residents were displaced from a southwest condo complex after fire gutted the top floor of the four-storey building Thursday afternoon.

Firefighters were called to the 159-unit complex shortly before 12:30 p.m., and once they arrived a second and third alarm were called, according to fire officials.

Matt and Chelsea, recent migrants to Calgary from the U.K., rolled up to the scene at the intersec-

"In the span of 20 minutes the whole roof was on fire."

Dominik Aschauer, resident

tion of Millrise Drive and Millrise Boulevard SW, only to watch firefighters dousing the final hot spots in a fourth-floor condo next to the charred remains of their own.

"We were just getting things up and running, really, and to see this ... (is) devastating," said Matt.

The pair, who have lived in Calgary for nine months, said all of their belongings appear to be destroyed, except Christmas decorations and suitcases left in an under-

ground storage. They said support from their work colleagues has already begun to pour in.

Third-floor resident Dominik Aschauer heard the fire alarm and went to his patio for a look. When he saw smoke coming from the roof and patio of a corner suite, the 24-year-old Earls server grabbed his tip jar and fled the building.

"In the span of 20 minutes the whole roof was on fire," said Aschauer.

"By the time I got outside ... (emergency services) was here. Really good for getting here on time."

The blaze may have started on the roof and quickly spread across the building, according to the fire department's Stephen Nichols. He indicated the

building's roof had collapsed, but that damage was contained to the top floor.

It was estimated that more than 400 residents were evacuated as a result of this fire. Calgary Emergency Management personnel were working with residents to find alternate accommodations.

A firefighter was transported to the Rockyview General Hospital and he was considered stable with minor injuries. Five police officers who were exposed to smoke were treated by EMS.

No cause or damage estimate was available, and Nichols indicated fire investigators would be at the scene well into the evening.

Zoo official quits after difficult few months

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RESIGNATION The beleaguered Calgary Zoo has suffered another blow as a top official has resigned effective immediately.

Cathy Gaviller, director of conservation, tendered her resignation effective Tuesday and Calgary Zoo spokesperson Simon Scott said the decision was hers alone.

"It is a personal matter and it was her decision. It is a huge loss for the organization and a huge loss for the zoo," he said.

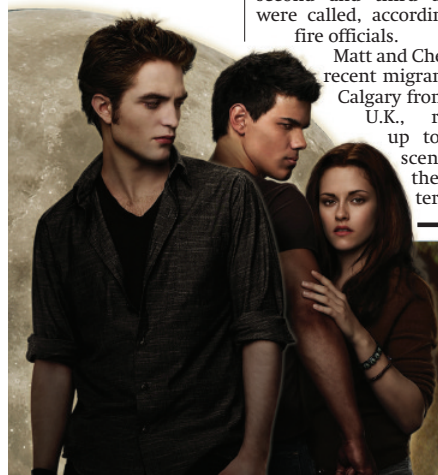
Scott said the zoo is losing a "wonderful" member with over 20 years of experience.

"At the same time, we have to move on and see this loss as an opportunity for a new way of thinking. I think it's a signal a change is coming to the zoo."

Scott said the zoo would work to find an interim replacement before finding a permanent solution.

Gaviller said in a prepared statement: "I am very proud of what we achieved at the Calgary Zoo and of my contribution. The past few months have been very challenging for the organization and for me personally. I care deeply for the Calgary Zoo and hope my decision can help the zoo move forward confidently and begin a new chapter in animal stewardship."

Gaviller's resignation comes just days after a near gorilla escape and following years of highly publicized incidents, including several animal deaths.



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Calgarians are in for a good time this year as popular Broadway musicals *Grease*, *Mamma Mia* and *Legally Blonde* storm into the city. Tickets for the shows are available on March 22 and all three shows will play at the Jubilee Auditorium. For more information please visit www.broadwayacrosscanada.ca.

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News in brief

SNOW REMOVAL The city's audit committee approved on Thursday the terms of reference for a performance audit of city's snow and ice control operations and a timeline that will see a preliminary report with recommendations before council breaks for summer. "It is critical that citizens have input and a say on this issue," noted Vice-Chair Ald. Ray Jones.

CRASH The medical examiner released the name of the victim in Tuesday's fatal collision at 17 Avenue and 84 Street SE. Craig Stephen Garvin, 26, was said to have died as a result of multiple blunt force injuries.

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Calgary cleaner, safer: Poll

But study finds only four in 10 feel safe downtown at night

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While the majority of Calgarians believe the city's core is safer now than a year ago, only four out of 10 in a survey feel safe in the core at night, according to a city-sponsored poll.

City officials on Thursday released the results of the Centre City Citizen Perception Survey conducted last November by telephone and found out how citizens feel about the cleanliness and safety of the city's core.

Nine out of 10 said they felt fairly safe riding the C-Train or walking on sidewalks and in parks during the day, but only four in 10 said they felt safe in those same areas at night. That concerns police Insp. Kevan Stuart, who says crime has actually dropped significantly in the past three years.

"Some people feel it's the same ... but our crime stats have decreased significantly in the past years and ... it's just conveying that message more effectively," Stuart said.

Stuart adds the police



The majority of Calgarians surveyed by the city feel the downtown core is a safer and cleaner place than it was one year ago.

force is happy with the work that's been done to make the downtown core a safer environment for everyone. "We have made

some great strides over the past year in regards to public safety and perception and we still have some work to do so we can't take

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- **Nine in 10** think cleanliness in the city centre has improved.
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The survey also shows 85 per cent of respondents are satisfied with the cleanliness of parks, streets, sidewalks and pathways, according to City Land Use Planning official Graham Gerylo.

"We hope to monitor (the results) over time and understand how those perceptions are changing and hope to see an improvement," he said.

"This is the first time we've asked this survey at this level, to find out how Calgarians feel in all the different places of the centre city."

The survey conducted by Ipsos Reid between Nov. 12 to 27, 2009 included a random sampling of 1,127 adult Calgarians and is considered accurate to within 2.3 per cent, 19 times out of 20.

Students march to legislature over tuition hikes

YONATHAN SUMAMO
for Metro Canada

EDUCATION Hundreds of protesters marched from the University of Alberta campus to the steps of the legislature Thursday to voice their concern over rising tuition costs in Alberta.

Many of them were U of A students, joined by their counterparts from the University of Calgary and University of Lethbridge, who travelled to Edmonton earlier that day for the protest.

Concern rose when the University of Alberta asked Advanced Education Minister Doug Horner to allow for an increase in professional program tuition through what they called "market modifiers." In addition, they proposed levying an extra \$550 in yearly fees from all students.



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Drugs motive in SW slaying, police say

CRIME Police believe a man found dead Wednesday night in a southwest neighbourhood back alley was slain over drugs.

Homicide Staff Sgt. Rick Tuza said it appears the man in his 40s may have been meeting with a group of men when an altercation took place in the 900 block of 43 Street SW at 7:30 p.m.

"We do not believe this incident is random. We believe the combatants knew

each other and we believe the incident was drug-related," Tuza said. "We have suspects in mind we just need to locate them."

The cause of death will not be released due to the pending investigation. The victim's name will not be

released until next of kin is notified.

"We did recover some weapons at the scene we believe were related," Tuza said, though he couldn't specify what kind.

Police seek information about two men who fled the scene said to be in their late teens or early 20s. Police also executed a search warrant on a Cadillac found crashed at the scene.

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Sgt. Rick Tuza

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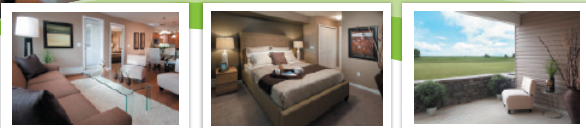
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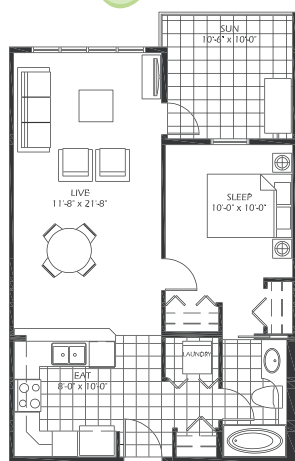


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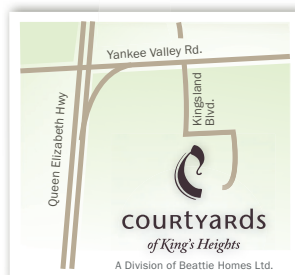
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Cops investigate suspicious death
Police are investigating the suspicious death of a 70-year-old man found in his home on Wednesday, but can't say more until the autopsy is done. **METRO CALGARY**

Family of hospitalized man pleads for info

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Dina Crafts

As her uncle clings to life in a Calgary hospital, an Ontario woman is pleading for anyone with information about how he got there to come forward.

Dina Crafts and her mother, Nancy, flew to the city from London, Ont., to be at John Crafts' bedside after the 54-year-old man was taken to hospital on March 11. He remains on life-support.

"Mortified. Stunned. Couldn't believe it," the

woman said of her family's reaction to news Crafts was found face-down in an alley with extensive head injuries.

"He's hooked up to a bunch of machines. If we take him off, he'll pass ... but they haven't said it's totally hopeless," she said.

"He'll never be the same."

The man's family said he couldn't stay away from Calgary, a city he loves dearly, and they want to know who would leave him in the streets to die.

Det. Mike Ruark said Crafts was found by a passerby just four blocks from his home in an alley in the 5200 block of 8 Avenue SE, but police don't have any evidence of how he got there.

"We don't know where it happened or what happened," he said, adding anyone with information needs to step forward.

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Watcheston awaits judge's decision

The closing arguments for Christopher Watcheston's murder trial wrapped up Thursday and his fate now rests in the judge's hands. **METRO CALGARY**

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FHNB show aims to promote local fashion

IMAN BUKHARI
for Metro Calgary

Glamour is in the air as Fashion Has No Borders (FHNB) & Accessory Expose comes to Calgary for the first time.

The event, sponsored by Metro Calgary, will offer a unique opportunity to discover and purchase the hottest in fashion, health and beauty products.

Sharon Cornwall, founder of FHNB said the expose can turn into a profitable commercial venture by connecting industry professionals to their city.

"We definitely want Calgary to become a fashion destination since there's many fashionistas, boutique designers, and lots of wonderful treasures right here in the city," said Cornwall.

More than 275 fashion, hair and beauty companies along with fashion and beauty schools will exhibit.

Local fashionista Suzie Hein will be showcasing her very own jewellery line called Suzie Q Beads. She will also exhibit two runway shows.



Suzie Hein, owner of Suzie Q beads, holds her two new jewellery collections she'll have on display this weekend at Fashion Has No Borders show on Saturday.

"This is very exciting because I feel that Calgary and their designers have a lot to offer," said Hein.

Hein will be launching her two new collections called Amazon Queen and Moon River.

"People don't realize they don't need to go dashing off to Toronto, New York or even Europe, when

we have immense talent here."

The expose will be presented in a boutique setting at the BMO Centre at Stampede Park this Saturday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tickets will be \$9 for adults and \$5 for students with ID. More information can be found at www.fashionhasnoborders.com.

Young Calgarians raising money for Chile

IMAN BUKHARI
for Metro Calgary

EARTHQUAKE A young group of Chilean Canadians called Calgary Helps Chile is coming forward to assist the earthquake-stricken country by holding fundraisers.

The group has partnered with Red Cross and First Steps to Rebuild Chile to help relief efforts.

John Reyes, a member of the group, hopes the event

will raise substantial amount of money to help the country.

"We have an opportunity to help the devastated people of Chile, and I hope this fundraiser can help rebuild their lives," said Reyes.

The group is holding two events to raise money on Sunday. The first event will occur at 9 a.m. at the Calgary Tower. Thirty volunteers will climb up the 802 story tower for \$1 in exchange for every step.

Later on, a fundraising gala will take place at Flames Central at 4 p.m.

"The earthquake affected me personally after watching the news, because I saw places I grew up in ruined," said Sebastian Salazar, another group member.

Admission to the gala is \$5 and additional donations in cash or cheque will also be accepted. For more information about the events, visit www.calgaryhelpschile.com

Council to examine Calgary's ownership of historic buildings

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HERITAGE Calgary currently has 59 historic buildings owned by the city and a Calgary alderman is putting forward a motion to determine if the ownership is an asset or a hindrance.

Ward 9 Ald. Joe Ceci is putting forward a motion Monday to determine if the city needs to own all 59 heritage properties or if they could be better managed by a third party.

"Some of them, particularly those being used for commercial purposes would be better maintained in private ownership," Ceci said.

Ceci believes with the city's current budget there is no room to continually provide the ongoing maintenance costs for a lot of the buildings.

Banff mayor fears cutbacks to RCMP

FUNDING The mayor of the Rocky Mountain resort town of Banff says he's concerned that the province may cut funding for seven of the 20 officers in the RCMP detachment.

A spokesperson with Alberta's solicitor general would only say the province is in "ongoing discussions to determine appropriate policing for the town of Banff."

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An email scam is trying to trick Facebook users into revealing their password, the online site warns. Emails suggest the user's Facebook password has been reset and includes a link to change it. But clicking on that link downloads a program that allows hackers to learn your Facebook password — and any other passwords you use online.

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The 'sherpas' get a lecture

PM briefs G20 negotiators

The G20 nations must keep trade markets open, strengthen banking regulations and nurture a sustained recovery from the world economic crisis, Prime Minister Stephen Harper says.

Those were the priorities Harper laid out for the "sherpas" — the senior bureaucrats who are holding two days of meetings in Ottawa to lay out the agenda for June's economic summit in Toronto.

Harper told the negotiators recovery is by no means fully assured.

He said the G20 will be judged by "its capacity to lead the world through recovery and beyond."

Harper said it's natural and expected for countries to defend their national interests, but they must take into account the long-term needs of the global economy.

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Senior Mountie defends the gun registry after government criticism.

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Nowhere to go: The grounded Alta yacht is buffeted by waves in the Galapagos Islands Thursday.

Shipwrecked Canadians safe

HIGH SEAS Sixteen Canadian tourists exploring the Galapagos Islands were rescued after the yacht they were travelling on ran aground.

Fernando Diez, public relations manager for

Quazar Expeditions in Ecuador, said the Alta struck a reef Wednesday night while trying to dock at Puerto Ayora in Ecuador.

The accident was caused in part by lack of illumina-

tion from a lighthouse, he said, but the boat's captain should have been able to avoid the accident.

The 16 Canadians were put up in a hotel, Diez said.

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MPs set for battle over documents

POLITICS Opposition MPs are taking action over the government's refusal to hand over documents on the Afghan detainee issue.

They now are seeking a formal ruling from the Speaker that the refusal violates parliamentary privilege.

They say the government is mocking parliamentary rights and privileges that date back centuries by denying MPs access to the material.

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News in brief

GROWING OLD David Dodge, former governor of the Bank of Canada, says Canadians need to save far more if they want to retire comfortably. They need to stash away between 10 and 21 per cent of their pre-tax earnings every year if they save for 35 years, he says.

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Somali pirates abandoned a hijacked Iranian vessel and set its 19-man crew free Thursday after encountering an Italian warship just off the coast of Somalia, NATO said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

World



Butts out in California state parks?

California lawmakers on Thursday were considering what is believed to be the nation's most far-reaching smoking ban in state parks as a way to get unsightly cigarette butts off the beach, eliminate second-hand smoke and reduce the threat of wildfires. Groups that track such legislation say no state prohibits lighting up throughout its entire park system, as the California bill proposes.

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Stage set for landmark U.S. health care vote

Democratic leaders are unveiling what is expected to be their final health care bill Thursday, setting the stage for a Sunday vote on a plan that would affect most Americans and has become the defining issue in Barack Obama's presidency.

Leaving nothing



to chance, the White House announced that Obama has put off his planned trip to Asia for a second time, delaying it until June. Obama was to have left Sunday. Said House Speaker Nancy Pelosi: "He wants to be here for the history."

The plan would cost \$940 billion over 10 years and extend coverage to 32 million Americans who are uninsured, while reducing the federal deficit by \$138 billion over 10 years, the impartial Congressional Budget Office said, and continue to drive down red ink thereafter. Democrats said the deficit would be cut \$1.2 trillion in the second decade.

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Gaza rocket kills worker in Israel

JERUSALEM Palestinian militants fired a rocket at Israel from the Gaza Strip on Thursday, killing a Thai farm worker, Israeli medics said, in the first death from such an attack since the Gaza offensive last year.

Magen David Adom, the emergency service, said the man was about 30 years old and was working in an agricultural community just north of Gaza, one of thousands of foreign labourers in Israel.

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Beirut State of the union



Activists dressed in wedding outfits dance on Thursday in Beirut as they take part in the "Cham" (union) campaign that is trying to legalize civil marriage in Lebanon. In the Middle East, civil marriage doesn't exist and no religious authority will perform an interfaith wedding. But Lebanon recognizes civil marriages as long as they're performed abroad.

Sex.com auction too hot for creditors

UNITED STATES The suitors for Sex.com have been put off for now.

An auction for the much-sought-after domain name

was cancelled after creditors filed a petition forcing the owner into bankruptcy. Mike Mann, an investor with the creditors, said the

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News in brief

CONVICTION A Polish court jailed three men Thursday from 18 months to 2½ years for the theft of the notorious

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Flames in danger of burning out



Mike Morrison
In Defence Of ...

When I moved to Calgary five years ago, all anyone could talk about was how close the Flames once were to winning the Stanley Cup. Well, that and something

called "Ralph bucks." But mostly it was about the nearly successful playoff run of the 2004-05 season.

Since then, one could consider me an outside Flames fan. Sure, I've been to few games and usually end up enjoying them, at least until the 50/50 draw. After that, things get pretty boring.

And like so many Calgaryans, as the Flames get closer and closer to the playoffs

each year, I get more and more excited. Then I unavoidably get disappointed when they are inevitably eliminated.

It seems that having faith in the Flames winning the Stanley Cup is as idealistic as hoping no one spits on you on the C-Train. While it would be great and slightly unexpected, it probably isn't going to happen.

With only a couple of weeks until the playoffs be-

gin, our hockey team hangs in the perils of ninth place. Even if we do make it to the playoffs, we'll just barely manage it. We'd be like lame ducks, or Ed Stelmach. We don't want to win a Stanley Cup that way, do we?

I'm sorry to say that, unfortunately, for so many Flames fans it's time to ask: What happens if Calgary doesn't make the playoffs? What do you do with all

your red face paint? Who will the lonely, attention-seeking girls flash on 17th Ave? And what about Harvey the Hound? For whom will his drum beat?

By already imagining what you could do with your free time, you can start the mourning process a little earlier. You could finally start dating again. Or acknowledge your children. Take that long overdue shower or do your taxes. To

replace the gaping hole of culture, may I suggest you take in a play or check out the Glenbow.

It may seem harsh to already call this season a loss, but it is realistic. It is hard to argue with years of history and, seriously, you probably really need that shower.

Mike Morrison writes daily about all things Canadian entertainment on the award-winning Mike's Bloggy Blog.

Views

Want to survive a fire? Take a look up

Marketplace



Erica Johnson

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Geri and Peter Crawshaw thought they had picked out a great retirement home in Orillia, Ont., for Peter's aging mom Betty — until a fire broke out last year and she suffered major smoke inhalation. Four other residents died.

What they learned too late was, the home wasn't equipped with sprinklers — a device firefighters say is key to controlling not just flames, but smoke. Smoke is what kills most

people in a fire.

"I never gave it a thought. I never looked up," said Geri Crawshaw. And who would?

But in a national survey of older nursing homes and retirement homes, CBC Marketplace discovered a patchwork of regulations when it comes to sprinklers in older homes, leaving tens of thousands of seniors with no protection.

In Ontario, three deadly fires have led to three coroner's inquests, all calling for sprinklers to be installed retroactively in long-term care homes. Three times, those calls have been ignored by the Ontario government. Newly built homes must have sprinklers, but not older ones.

But sprinklers are just

one thing to look for if you're considering putting a loved one in a long-term care home. We've put together some tips to help you navigate the waters.

Visit in person. Be sure to visit the home and talk to people who live there, or who have family in the home. Do more than one tour and show up unannounced. And visit at different times of day.

Check compliance reports. Your province may have reports online for long-term care homes that will tell you about potential problems.

Ask about staffing levels. What's the staff-to-resident ratio? Does it change at night? Ask to see what the fire evacuation plan is overnight.

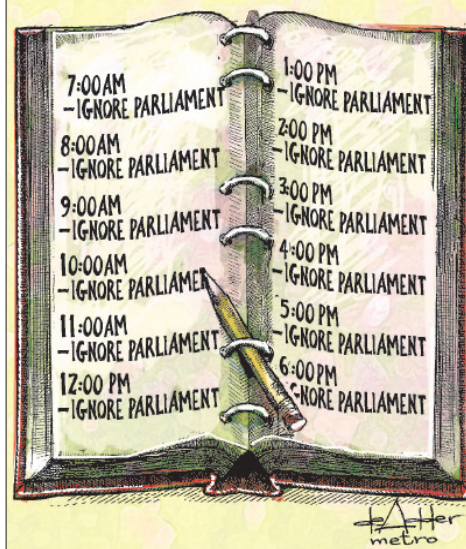
Talk to people. If the home has a family council, talk to the people who sit on the board.

Look up. If the home doesn't have sprinklers, ask why not and whether they might be installed soon. Ontario fire chiefs — and their counterparts in other provinces — have been calling for older homes to be retroactively fitted for sprinklers for years. Ask your elected politicians why that hasn't happened.

Friday on CBC Television at 8:30, watch what happens when Marketplace sets two rooms on fire — one equipped with a sprinkler, the other without.

Erica Johnson is a journalist and co-host of Marketplace, which airs each Friday night at 8:30 on CBC Television.


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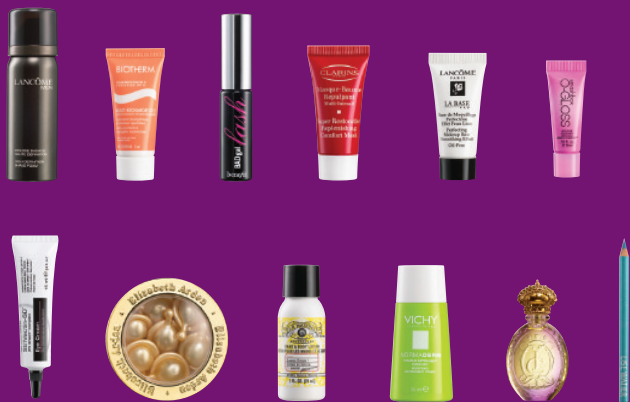


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Canadian residents made 4.2 million trips outside of the country in January, 1.5 per cent fewer than in the previous month, Statistics Canada reports. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Foreign travel down

Business

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Economy picking up

Foreigners are buying up Canada, the loonie is heading for parity with the American dollar and recent economic indicators are off the map. Could the recovery be out-racing expectations?

The prime minister is a

skeptic, and so too are economists at the TD Bank, who released a forecast yesterday of moderate growth for the next two years.

The bank says Canadians shouldn't get overly excited about the surprisingly strong five-per-cent fourth

quarter of 2009 jump, and likely strong numbers coming for the first three months this year.

"The basic story is the economic recovery is real," said TD's deputy chief economist Craig Alexander. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Growth was too fast, says Toyota

AUTOMOBILES Toyota's training of workers to maintain quality control failed to keep up with the automaker's rapid growth, company president Akio Toyoda said in an interview with a major Japanese business daily.

Toyoda, grandson of the automaker's founder, said the problem became especially acute after Toyota's global production and sales topped six million vehicles in its fiscal year 2002. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Nafta trade dropped last year

ECONOMY Last year's collapse of the North American auto sector caused trade with the U.S. and Mexico to suffer its worst year since the North American Free Trade Agreement went into effect 15 years ago, the U.S. Transportation Department said yesterday.

Although trade ended the year on a good note, it fell by 23.3 per cent overall in 2009 compared with 2008.

That marked the largest annual decrease since NAFTA went into effect in 1994 as the value of products that were shipped by truck, rail and pipeline between Canada, the United States and Mexico dropped to \$637 billion US in 2009. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



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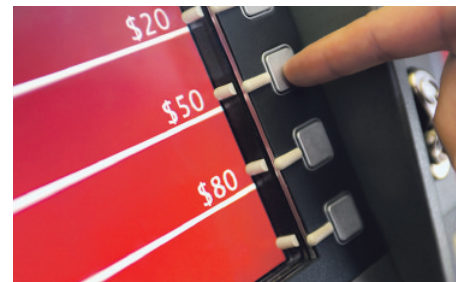
Canadian securities continue to see rise in foreign investment

Foreign investment in Canadian securities continued to increase in January, reaching \$11.8 billion, with debt instruments continuing to attract the bulk of the inflow of funds. In contrast, Canadians removed \$5.8 billion from their holdings of foreign securities in January, the largest reduction since December 2008. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Oil industry profits will rise to \$8B: Forecast

No boom time return till 2014

Oil industry profits will see a big boost this year as some of the cost-dampening effects of the recession linger, according to a forecast by the Conference Board of Canada.

However, the business think-tank cautioned the price of labour and materials is poised to rise in future years as the pace of development picks up in the oil sands.

"The recession had one positive effect — costs in the industry have come down precipitously," said the report released Thursday.

Numerous oilsands producers began to put their multibillion-dollar projects on hold in late 2008, as the recession whittled away at demand for fossil fuels and made it too costly for companies to borrow money. In-

vestment in the sector contracted by 26.4 per cent last year, causing capital costs to decline at a similar rate, the Conference Board said.

Many of those delayed oilsands projects have since been put on the front burner. Increased production from those projects, along with stronger crude oil prices, has led the Conference Board to predict oil industry profits of \$8.1 billion this year.

That's two-thirds higher than the \$4.9 billion the industry eked out last year, but still half what it raked in at the height of the boom in 2008. The Conference Board doesn't expect a return to boom-time profits of \$16.1 billion until 2014, when crude prices are expected to be \$114 US per barrel.

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Hard times **MGM looks for roar**



In this July 23, 2002, file photo, the Metro Goldwyn Mayer logo graces the entrance gates at the firm's Santa Monica, Calif., offices. MGM Inc. is preparing to receive binding acquisition offers Friday as it again looks for a corporate saviour for its troubles.

Recovery plays out in two gears

U.S. For the super-rich and everyone else, the economic recovery is taking place in two very different gears.

A British company is betting there's a market in North America for a \$200,000 US sports car built with Formula One race tech-

nology, announcing Thursday that it will unveil the new toy late next year.

For most people, though, the economy's still a clunker. A new U.S. Labor Department report said more than 11-million Americans are now getting unemployment

benefits. The number of first-time claims for unemployment fell last week for the third time in a row, a sign the job market is slowly healing. But claims remain above levels that would signal new jobs are being made.

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Europe debates exit, expulsion from euro

CRISIS As Europe struggles to emerge from its fiscal crisis, a notion long considered taboo is gaining currency: Could countries be kicked out of the euro or be given an easy way to leave?

Germany's leader this week called for new rules that would allow for expulsion, and many people in debt-ridden countries like Italy and Greece are increasingly blaming the euro for their woes.

But monetary independence could be more curse than cure: Against dreams of devaluing to cheapen exports and boost economic growth may be a starker reality of catastrophic capital flight and paralyzing administrative headaches.

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Calgary-born Owen Hargreaves made his long-awaited comeback from injury on Thursday with 45 minutes of competitive action for Manchester United's reserve team. The 29-year-old England midfielder had been out for 18 months after surgery on both knees to cure persistent tendinitis. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Sports



Fight to have Olympic-style tests

Floyd Mayweather Jr., left, and welterweight champion Shane Mosley will undergo Olympic-style drug testing for their May 1 fight in Las Vegas, which they hope will set a new standard for boxing. Mayweather and Mosley will be subjected to an unlimited number of unannounced blood and urine tests before and after the fight, and the results will be stored for future analysis.

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No more Shark bites

Fresh off their first win of the season against the Colorado Avalanche, the Calgary Flames have renewed confidence heading down the stretch drive.

They'll need to put that to the test when they host the San Jose Sharks on Friday night (Sportsnet West, 9 p.m. ET). San Jose is the class of the Western Conference, leading the way with a 43-16-10 record.

After dropping four straight 3-2 decisions to Colorado this season, the Flames (35-26-9) turned the tables on their Northwest Division foes Wednesday night and skated to a 3-2 win in Denver.

"It was against a team that we hadn't beat and it was a must-win," said Calgary forward Craig Conroy.

"It's just something to build on and now we've even got a better team coming tomorrow."

The Flames will now be looking to erase an ugly 9-1 loss to the Sharks in San Jose on Jan. 18.



Flames winger Nigel Dawes, left, and centre Craig Conroy steal the puck from Colorado Avalanche defenceman Ryan Wilson on Wednesday in Denver.

"That was an embarrassing one, they beat us pretty handily," Conroy said.

Since that devastating loss, Calgary general manager Darryl Sutter has given his team a facelift, adding forwards Jamal Mayers, Matt Stajan, Niklas Hagman, Christopher Higgins and Ales Kotalik, de-

fencemen Steve Staikos and Ian White, and goaltender Vesa Toskala.

"There's enough new faces here that they won't remember that and we'll be focused on what we need to do as a team and not so much worried about the past," said Mayers.

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Canada loses in sledge hockey shocker

UPSET With the stage seemingly set for a third straight Canada-U.S. gold medal hockey showdown at the Vancouver Winter Games, the host country suddenly fell victim to a miracle on ice.

Japan, who had lost 11 straight games to Canada heading into Thursday's Paralympic semifinal, rallied from an early deficit and stunned the Canadians 3-1 to advance to the gold medal game. With the defeat, Canada will have to play for bronze.

"Canada would beat us if we played them 1,000 times, we're going to lose 999," said Japanese head

coach Kojin Nakakita. "But not this one."

The Canadians were looking to complete the country's gold medal sweep after the men and women's Olympic hockey teams won their respective titles last month.

But the sledge team looked tense out of the gate, as players misfired on routine passes, shot wide on glorious chances, and took bad penalties.

The game was tied 1-1 late in the third when Canada got caught pushing for the winning goal.

Japan broke away on a 3-on-1 and Daisuke Uehara fired a shot past sprawling

Canadian goaltender Paul Rosen to make it 2-1 Japan with just 73 seconds left.

Captain Jean Labonte, who at age 40 might have played his last Paralympic game, battled tears as he spoke afterwards.

"We had a lot of chances and we had them pinned down in their end quite a few times during the game and we couldn't capitalize," said Labonte, who helped Canada win gold at the 2006 Paralympics. "Hats off to them."

Canada will play the loser of the United States-Norway semifinal in the bronze medal game Friday night.

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Sports in brief

NHL The NHL came down hard on James Wisniewski, handing the Anaheim Ducks defenceman an eight-game suspension Thursday for his hit on Chicago's Brent Seabrook.

It's the longest suspension league disciplinary Colin Campbell has handed out this regular season and comes at a time when the NHL is under pressure to make the game safer.

BASEBALL A day after acknowledging he failed a drug test for cocaine last year, Texas Rangers manager Ron Washington says he used marijuana and amphetamines while he was a player.

NHL The Bruins wasted little time retaliating against the Pittsburgh Penguins' Matt Cooke for his blindsided hit that left Boston centre Marc Savard with a Grade 2 concussion.

In the teams' first meeting since Savard was hurt by a shoulder-to-head hit March 7 in Pittsburgh, Cooke and Boston's Shawn Thornton dropped their gloves at 1:58 of the first period Thursday night.

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Here the prisoners of South Africa's apartheid regime, including Nelson Mandela, broke rocks in a quarry as punishment for opposing racial segregation.

At Robben Island, the country's white minority went about the business of degrading leaders of the African National Congress, who they considered to be terrorists.

In the paltry library, prisoners found a FIFA rule book and devised a plan to play soccer in an organized fashion; partly as resistance, but mostly to endure.

The result was the Makana Football Association, which required every prisoner to take part as either a player or an official. The International Red Cross was an ally in pressuring Robben Island wardens to allow the men time for exercise.

The prisoners responded by grading their own fields and forming a three-division league, replicating the structure of international soccer at the highest level.

Today, Robben Island is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Tens of thousands are expected to visit during this summer's FIFA World Cup. While the most high-profile soccer ever played on African soil will unfold at stadiums like Green Point in Cape Town, perhaps the most significant games took place on this barren island just offshore.

Gemini Award winner and author Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons.

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The Bounty Hunter begins with Jennifer Aniston breaking free from the trunk of Gerard Butler's car. And once moviegoers see this film, the actress may consider crawling back in.

In this largely unfunny hybrid of a romantic-comedy/action flick, Butler plays Milo, an ex-cop turned bounty hunter who gets the call to track down his journalist ex-wife (Aniston) when she ditches out on a court appearance.

Thinking it will be easy money (he knows where she lives after all), Milo



Jennifer Aniston and Gerard Butler star in The Bounty Hunter.

traces her simply enough but soon the pair find themselves involved in a mysterious unsolved case, being chased by loan sharks and oops! Falling in love all over again!

Yes, it's as cooked up as a date movie can get but it wouldn't suffer as much had the script at least delivered a few zingers. It

doesn't.

Then again, Director Andy Tennant (Fool's Gold) isn't exactly known for a subtle touch.

Even so, trying to force a marriage of car chases and romantic-comedy may be the most questionable device.

After all, here it only ensures to divorce the audi-

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ence from investing in whatever mysterious affection these characters might feel for each other. It certainly isn't revealed through charming dialogue.

In fact, even Butler and Aniston appear to realize this concoction isn't going anywhere and it strains their questionable on-screen chemistry.

Moreover, the absence of comedy is only heightened by a seemingly endless mix of music whose distracting placement could possibly be mistaken as the soundtrack to an entirely different movie.

Then again, that may have been just wishful thinking on my part.

Even gore can't save Repo Men

Repo Men

Director: Miguel Sapochnik

Stars: Jude Law, Forest Whittaker, Alice Braga

Classification: 18A

Rating: Ⓢ

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

REVIEW If you like seeing graphic close-ups of torsos being torn open to remove vital organs, then Repo Men is a movie for you.

It seems like that's all director Miguel Sapochnik was interested in filming in his debut feature as he fills the

screen with bloody entrails every few minutes.

Unfortunately Sapochnik is bored by simple pleasures like clear storytelling and compelling characters because every scene that doesn't feature gore is lazily assembled and often incomprehensible.

Set in a world where corporations specialize in producing prohibitively expensive artificial organs that require payment plans, Jude Law and Forest Whittaker star as a pair of repo men assigned to involuntarily remove organs from customers

who are late

on payments.

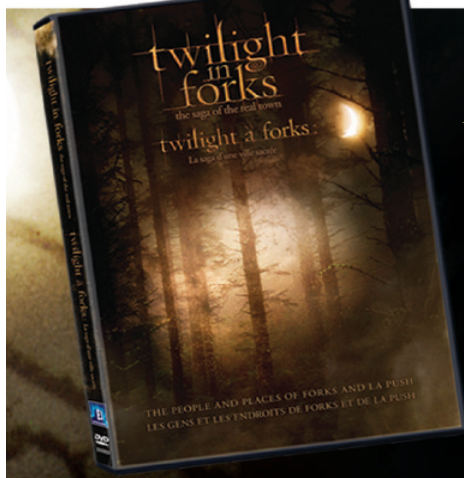
The concept is ripped off of a Monty Python sketch, but is clever enough to deliver consistent dark comedy for about 20 minutes.

Unfortunately this is a feature length movie and once Jude Law gets his own artificial heart and faces off against his former employers, things get increasingly absurd to the point that any audience member with a brain will be forced to throw their popcorn at the screen out of sheer frustration.

It all climaxes with one of the most ludicrous scenes ever caught on film in which Law and his new-

found girl-friend make out while tearing holes in each other to scan their artificial organs into a computer.

Simply put, Repo Men is a disaster.



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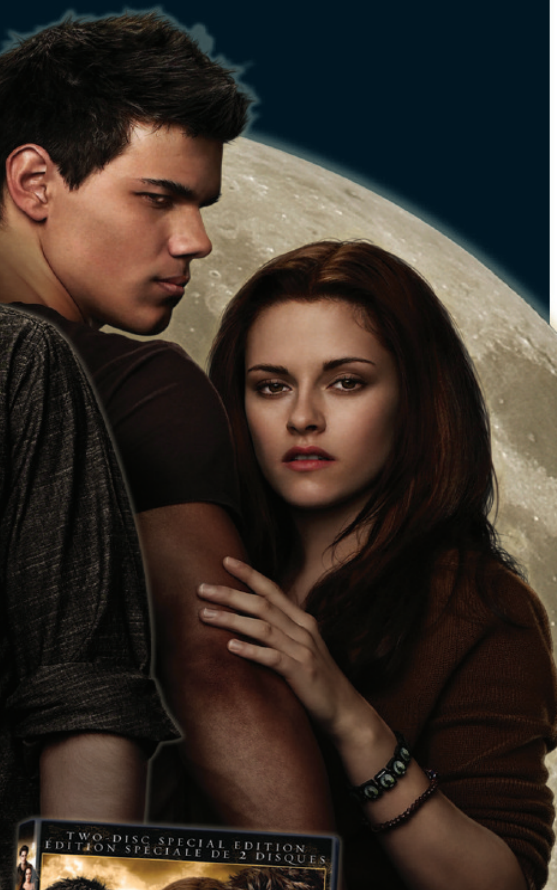
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Enter the Dragon movie

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada



Filmmakers Dean DeBlois and Chris Sanders know how to make a dragon movie. And the animators proved it by directing the newest family adventure to hit theatres — **How to Train a Dragon**.

In the 3-D-animated comedy (which is based on a popular series of kids' books), Canadian actor Jay Baruchel voices Hiccup, a bumbling young Viking who gains the respect of his family and friends after he trains a dragon — the dreaded enemy of the Norse (at least in this film).

So what exactly are the secrets to making an animated dragon movie? We got the answers

How To Train A Dragon opens next Friday



Jay Baruchel lends his voice to How To Train a Dragon.

when DeBlois and Sanders (Lilo & Stitch) recently visited Toronto:

First, make good source material your own.

"The world of the books differs considerably from what we did," said DeBlois who explained that they turned the author's "iguanasized dragon" into a menacing black monster. "We needed one that was powerful and dangerous... (the studio) ultimately wanted a big fantasy ad-

venture and so the elements were there but it took some hardline decisions."

Next, find a partner.

"(Chris and I) write together and we direct together and we just act as each other's toughest critics," explained DeBlois. "I trust his sensibility and he trusts mine... it's like two soul musicians who write better music together than they do separately."

The film also featured more than 300 crew mem-

Movie feature

bers working over a brief 14-month schedule. "You have like fifty scenes out there at once that are in various stages of being produced so it's a marathon," added Sanders.

"You've got to keep your energy up so that's another reason to partner with somebody — there's just so much to do."

Finally, hire a great cast that includes Baruchel and Gerard Butler.

"They really worked their characters; they really want to get inside the heads of them," said DeBlois of a voice cast that also included talk-show host Craig Ferguson.

"It's a very draining thing strangely to stand in front of a microphone and do these lines over and over again and try to picture a scene that isn't really happening around you," added Sanders.

Wimpy Kid mere child's play

REVIEW

Sometimes you have to feel sorry for pint-sized young filmmakers. There are certainly plenty of

movies out there for kids, but most of them are incredibly bland exercises made by adults trying too hard to ensure that they don't offend children's delicate sensibilities.

For the most part this isn't done to please kids, but their parents who want to be sure they aren't warping young minds.

This leads to countless projects like Diary Of A Wimpy Kid, a film that is sweet and has its heart in the right place, but offers no surprises.

Diary Of A Wimpy Kid is

Diary of a Wimpy Kid

Director: Thor Freudenthal

Stars: Zachary Condon, Robert Capron, Chloe Moretz

Classification: STC

Rating: ●●●½

about a youngster embarking on his first year in middle school. He's suddenly all too conscious of the need to seem cool and fit in, immediately embarking on a quest to raise his social status.

Of course, it all goes wrong and soon he's

ruining amateur stage productions, fighting with bullies, working as a hall monitor, and participating in a few other kid movie clichés.

It's a slick production with some impressive work from the child actors (including Chloe Moretz, who will soon be seen taking over dozens of grown men as the world's youngest assassin in Kick Ass) and a nice message about individuality.

But sadly it's missing spark and creativity.

PHIL BROWN/
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Seyfried goes Ivy League

Amanda Seyfried, fresh from seducing everyone around her in *Chloe*, is planning a new film with McG, based on the Rolling Stone article *The Girl Who Conned The Ivy League*. EMPIREONLINE.COM

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Anything for Baumbach

Stiller just happy to work with director in Greenberg

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

Ben Stiller had little trouble relating to his character in *Greenberg* — Noah Baumbach's new film about a misanthropic failed musician adrift in Los Angeles after a nervous breakdown — but he insists that's just because of a monumental birthday.

"I think a lot of people could identify with what he's going through," Stiller explains, tying Greenberg's neuroses to turning 40. "For me it was a big birthday — it's already a while ago. It's a point in your life when you go, 'Wow, I guess I don't have more ahead of me than I have behind me.'"

Heavy stuff for a film that's ostensibly a comedy,



Ben Stiller plays a failed musician in *Greenberg*, out next Friday.

but it's the warped worldview of the character that interested Stiller.

"It's a classic midlife situation, but it can be very hard for somebody who hasn't gotten to a place where they wanted to be," he says. "I think you'd be a little callous or have a pretty big sense of yourself to

think that anybody's immune from that."

Midlife crisis talk aside, Stiller was mostly just happy to get a chance with writer-director Baumbach.

"I'm a very big fan of his," he says. "I would've done probably any role he sent me. Movies like that don't come around that often."

Certainly 44-year-old Stiller, with a thriving career as an actor, a writer and a director, doesn't have to worry about relating to his character's lack of success. Everyone has goals, Stiller says, but it's important to not bog yourself down with them.

"I don't think you can do that to yourself and be a happy person. I think you just have to have a sense of where you're at," he says. "To me, the biggest thing that I'm trying to get to is just to be OK in the moment, just be OK where I am right now. Because that's the only place that I've ever found true happiness. Anything that's result-oriented never ends up being that fulfilling because it's not in the moment. That's the lesson that I keep on getting taught and trying to learn."

Home vital film on China

Last Train Home

Director: Lixin Fan

Classification: STC

Rating: ●●●●

ADAM NAYMAN
for Metro Canada

REVIEW In a post-Lord of the Rings moment of CGI crowd scenes, the sight of thousands of real, flesh-and-blood people milling about onscreen has the power to stop breath; the shots of rural Chinese workers swarming madly through a transit station in Lixin Fan's documentary *Last Train Home* are quite literally suffocating.

That's absolutely a compliment, by the way — the intensity of the visuals match the seriousness of his subject, which is nothing less than the social and economic erosion of the world's largest national population.

Its portrait of a labour class cut off from their do-

mestic lives starts off panoramic — those train station shots — and then turns intimate, using one family's fractured dynamics as a microcosm of national dysfunction.

Zhanghua and Sugun Yang work brutal hours in a metropolitan sweatshop, sending nearly all of the money they make to their children in the county; returning home for Chinese New Year, the are greeted not as breadwinners but as deserters.

Eldest daughter Qin resents her parents' absence and retaliates by leaving home — an ironic response that's part adolescent hormones and part cultural inevitability.

Fan's mobile camera catches a number of uncomfortable moments, but there's never any sense that his subjects are being exploited — the precision of the compositions is tempered by an underlying sense of empathy.

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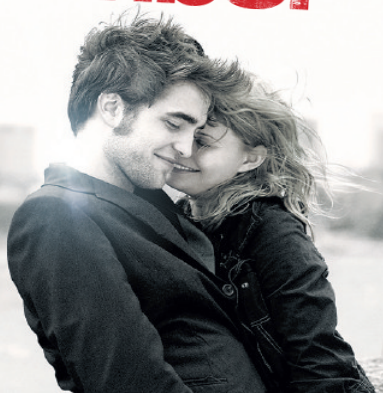
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Satisfying thrill ride

The Ghost Writer

Director: Roman Polanski

Stars: Pierce Brosnan, Ewan McGregor

Classification: STC

Rating: ****

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News



It's difficult to watch Roman Polanski's grippy and enjoyable new thriller, The Ghost Writer, without being reminded of current events involving both the director and former British Prime Minister Tony Blair, on whom the film's Adam Lang (Pierce Brosnan) is obviously — if not explicitly — based.

It doesn't help matters that both Polanski and Blair have faced very high-profile legal challenges leading up to the film's release.

But even without the real-world signifiers, the film is



Pierce Brosnan, left, and Ewan McGregor square off in Roman Polanski's The Ghost Writer.

a satisfying, stylish ride, showing once again that, legal and personal issues notwithstanding, Polanski is still a great filmmaker.

Of course, much of that is to do with author Robert Harris, who adapted the screenplay from his own novel, and stars Brosnan and Olivia Williams, turning in career-high performance as the embattled former PM and his wife under

siege at a publisher's vacation home in New England while protesters chant outside the gates and charges from the International Criminal Court loom.

Into this mix is thrown Ewan McGregor as an unnamed ghost writer brought in to spruce up Lang's memoirs after the previous ghost writer's apparent suicide. McGregor's character is in over his head

from the get-go, providing the Scottish actor's brow plenty of exercise.

The only real drawbacks to the film are the often garish digital effects — used by necessity since Polanski couldn't actually go on location to the U.S. or England.

It can be distracting when a great performance is given before a clearly green-screened bay window overlooking the Atlantic.

Stella serves up a sensual taste of India

ANNE BRODIE
for Metro Canada



FEATURE Don McKellar and Lisa Ray star in Dilip Mehta's Cooking with Stella, a fable set in the split world of New Delhi, India.

Ray plays a newly installed Canadian High Commissioner and McKellar's her stay at home husband; they have a tough time adjusting to the class system in their own home.

They live in the relative luxury of the diplomatic compound staffed by servants who live in the real, down-and-dirty New Delhi, including a cook named Stella who runs a black market business with Canadian supplies.

"It was great to be in India," says McKellar. "It's not the easiest city to explore; it's a chaotic city, but it's a sensual city. The cliché about India is true — it is

very sensual with smells and sounds and noise. And touch! People touch you, there is no personal space. It's sort of overwhelming.

His character's relationship with Stella is a complicated one. She doesn't want him breathing down her neck while she bootlegs the Commission's food and supplies. She reluctantly agrees to be his cooking guru and ups her con game.

Filmmaker and photographer Dilip Mehta nursed the idea for a story for years. He wanted to reflect a more realistic contemporary India.

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Atom power transforms Amanda

Seyfried perfect for Chloe, Canadian director says

RICHARD CROUSE
for Metro Canada

In *Chloe*, the new psychological thriller from Canadian director Atom Egoyan, Amanda Seyfried plays an escort hired by Catherine (Julianne Moore) to test her husband's (Liam Neeson) fidelity.

Following starring roles in *Mean Girls*, *Mama Mia* and the popular HBO show *Big Love*, this is her first real adult part. It's a complicated and showy role for the 25-year-old actress, and she credits Egoyan with pushing her to deepen the character by exploring every facet of Chloe's life.

"It's a broad spectrum of emotions the audience feels about her," she says, "and in

order to make the audience feel that way you have to play it right and in order for me to play it right I had to have Atom Egoyan.

"Mr. Egoyan," she continues, "is a genius and he's what good filmmaking is all about. I know it's going to be difficult for me to choose my next project based on what I just went through with him. It has raised the bar into a very high place."

It's obvious that Seyfried admires Egoyan, but it appears to be a mutual appreciation society. In a separate interview the director called the actress's audition "exceptional."

"There were a lot more famous people than her we considered but she was our gal," he said. "We knew that



Amanda Seyfried, left, director Atom Egoyan and Julianne Moore on the set of *Chloe*.

from the moment we did the audition. There was just something about her. Fortunately in the intervening period she suddenly became a

star with *Mama Mia*."

Her star was on the rise before they made the film, but on the first day Egoyan had a moment of doubt.

"I have this reputation for hiring very young actresses," he says, "and the day she arrived in Toronto I thought, 'My God, she's a child. We've

"There were a lot more famous people than her we considered but she was our gal."

Atom Egoyan on Amanda Seyfried

made a mistake.' But we needed the separation in age between Julianne (Moore) and her. That was really very important."

Any doubts were soon quashed when Seyfried went to work, however.

"She's a really good actress. She really grew into the role," he says.

"It's about a relationship you have with some actors. You feel like you are doing your job because you are able to ignite something they are capable of expressing. I don't mean to in any way objectify, but it's like working with a beautiful instrument. That's what she has."

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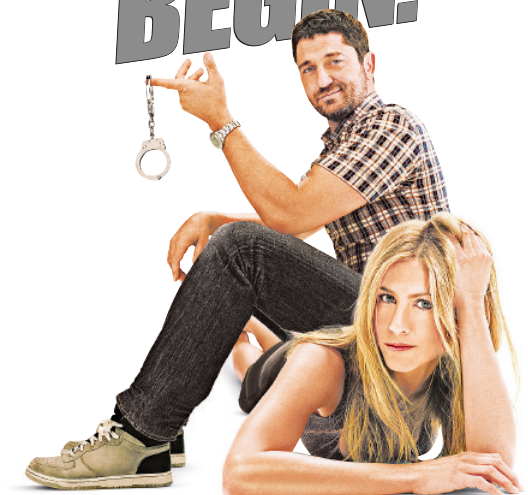
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Music

Slash and burn

SoundCheck

Alan Cross

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Something feels weird when I walk into Slash's hotel suite, and it takes me a few minutes to realize what it is. It's ... immaculate.

No empty bottles of JD, piles of drug paraphernalia, dusty mirrors or half-naked groupies passed out in the corner. There isn't even any cigarette smoke. Instead, there's a very buff Slash, replete in his trademark leather top hat and sunglasses, sampling from a tray of fresh fruit and mineral water. It's 11:30 a.m. — early by rock star standards — but he's already been to the gym.

"How you doin', bro?" he asks with a firm handshake

and flawless smile. "Please. Have a seat." He takes a spot on a sofa and leans forward, obviously eager to talk about what he's been up to.

I look around the room again. "So it's true. You HAVE quit smoking. No drugs, no drinking and now no smoking? It wasn't the Chilean earthquake that knocked the earth off its axis. I think it's you. You have meddled with the primal forces of rock 'n' roll, Mr. Slash."

He smiles sort of sheepishly. "Yeah, it's been 10 months since I've had a cigarette, which is the same amount of time that I quit during Velvet Revolver. So far, it's been good, although something could happen any second."

On April 6, Slash will release his first solo album, a self-titled project featuring an impressive array of guests vocalist that include the usual suspects (Ozzy, Iggy, Lemmy), some unusual

choices (Kid Rock, Adam Levine from Maroon 5, Fergie from the Black Eyed Peas) and even a couple of old Gunners (Izzy, Duff). And, of course, Dave Grohl shows up on drums on one song.

"I wrote the music with specific voices in mind. When the music was done, I contacted the people I thought should sing the songs. They wrote the lyrics and the vocal melodies and then we recorded."

He's quick to sing the praises of people like Fergie and Levine. "She's a rock chick at heart and she's better than a lot of dudes out there. Adam came in and did this great falsetto performance in one take. He's amazing."

So no GnR reunion, ever? "Why?" he says. "What would be the point?"

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Battle of the Blades hits Sweden

The stage is set for retired Toronto Maple Leafs star Mats Sundin to join Battle of the Blades. Now it's just a matter of convincing the longtime NHLer to take part.

The show's executive producer John Brunton says the massively popular CBC-TV series, which begins shooting a second season in Toronto this summer, is bound for Sweden after inking its first deal to bring the Canadian format overseas.

"There's tons of great superstar hockey players in

Sweden, even going back to our Maple Leaf Borje Salming," Brunton says of possible Swede contestants.

"Would we love to get Mats Sundin involved in our project in Sweden in some capacity, whether it's as a judge, or a skater, or in some way, shape or form? That would be a home run for us."

But it's early going yet. Brunton says the deal with Swedish distributor Sparks Network was finalized last week, and prospects for a Swedish

Battle have yet to be determined.

However, he says the Swedish format would follow Canada's lead from last year, when former NHLers including Tie Domi, Claude Lemieux and Bob Probert were turned into unlikely sequined sensations by pairing them with champion ice dancers in weekly competitions.

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Mats Sundin

Craig Simpson and figure skater Jamie Sale won the inaugural competition, which featured Hockey Night In Canada's Ron MacLean and former skating champ Kurt Browning as hosts.

Swedish defenceman Alex Edler predicted the show could have legs in hockey-crazy Sweden.

"I think they'll (Swedish TV audiences) enjoy it if they get some good hockey players on there," Edler said during a Vancouver Canucks practice.

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FRIDAY

CA	Vu	SC	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
243	317	3	CFCN	etalk	Access H.	Medium (N)	Law & Order	The Bridge (N)	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Coach
-	-	4	OMNI	King/Queens	The Simpsons	Omni News: S. Asian Edition	Omni News: Cantonese Edition	Figure Skating Thin Ice	20/20 (HDTV) (N)	20/20 (N)	20/20 (N)
-	371	5	KXL	4 News at 6	4 News at 6:30	Entertainment	The Insider (N)	CBC News: The fifth estate	CBC News: The National	The Hour	The Hour
245	306	6	CBRT	Wheel Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Rick Mercer	Marketplace	X-Weighted "Jade"	Shark Tank	News Hour	News Hour
244	338	7	CICT	ET Canada	Entertainment	NUMB3RS	Who Do You Think You Are?	Murdoch Mysteries	Access H.	Paid Program	The Doctors
246	-	8	KCAL	Murdoch Mysteries	Basketball	College Basketball NCAA Tournament -- Louisville vs. California	Bill Moyers Journal (N)	The Big Bang Years	Dateline NBC (N)	Kitchen Nightmares (N)	News
-	372	12	KREM	PBS NewsHour (N)	Washington	McLaughlin	Who Do You Think You Are?	CBC News: The National	Larry King Live	CTV News	CTV News
-	374	14	KSPS	News (N)	Millionaire	Jeopardy! (N)	House "Remorse"	CBC News: The National	Larry King Live	CTV News	CTV News
-	370	16	KHO	The Office	Raymond	Two/Half Men	House "Remorse"	CBC News: The National	Larry King Live	CTV News	CTV News
-	373	22	KAYU	CBC News: The National	Love, Hate and Propaganda	Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV)	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News
502	390	15	CBC	Larry King Live (N)	CTV News Tonight	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News
501	391	52	CNN	Basketball	NHL Hockey Detroit Red Wings at Edmonton Oilers	(HDTV) (Live)	Sportsnet Con.	Sportsnet Connected (N)	Flames, Hour	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol
400	400	21	TSN	NHL Hockey San Jose Sharks at Calgary Flames	(HDTV) (Live)	Sportsnet Con.	Sportsnet Connected (N)	Flames, Hour	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol
552	543	20	YTV	iCarly	iCarly "Quit iCarly"	iCarly "Date a Bad Boy"	Things I Hate	That's Weird	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol
557	541	39	FAM	Wizards-Place	Han, Montana	Starstruck (2010)	Drama	Stirling Knight	Wingin' It	Stuck in the Suburbs	Stuck in the Suburbs
603	561	25	FOOD	Bobby Flay	Bobby Flay	Diners, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares	Diner, Drive-In	Unwrapped	Bobby Flay
615	520	26	A&E	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal Minds "Normal"	Criminal Minds "Normal"	Criminal Minds "Normal"	Criminal Minds "Normal"	Criminal Minds "Normal"	Criminal Minds
617	522	32	SHOW	Trailer Park	Trailer Park	Relic Hunter	Beyond Loch Ness (2008, Suspense)	Brian Krause	Pure Pwnage	Dirty Jobs	Dirty Jobs
520	505	35	DISC	Man vs. Wild "China" (N)	Scandals of the Ancient World	Daily Planet	Man vs. Wild "China" (N)	GameTrailers	God of War III	God of War III	God of War III
628	584	43	SPIKE	(7:11) CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation
522	516	45	HIST	Jobs in the Danger Zone	Anticristo	Anticristo	Anticristo	Anticristo	Anticristo	Anticristo	Anticristo
-	-	47	AMC	Breaking Bad (HDTV)	Breaking Bad "Grilled"	Breaking Bad (HDTV)	Breaking Bad (HDTV)	Breaking Bad (HDTV)	Breaking Bad (HDTV)	Breaking Bad (HDTV)	Breaking Bad
581	566	102	MTV	The Real World	16 and Pregnant "Lori"	16 and Pregnant "Lori"	16 and Pregnant "Lori"	16 and Pregnant "Lori"	16 and Pregnant "Lori"	16 and Pregnant "Lori"	16 and Pregnant

SATURDAY

CA	Vu	SC	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
243	317	3	CFCN	W5 (DVS)	Spectacle: Elvis	Flashpoint (DVS)	Law & Order (HDTV)	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News
-	-	4	OMNI	Omni News: Mandarin Edition	Chinese Rest.	Trendy Zone	Tactical Unit: Comrades in Arms (2009, Crime Drama)	Most Amazing	Castle	Castle	Castle
-	371	5	KXL	4 News at 6	The Insider (N)	Entertainment Tonight	FlashForward (HDTV) Mark must meet with a therapist.	Crashed Ice	Crashed Ice	Crashed Ice	Crashed Ice
245	306	6	CBRT	NHL Hockey	NHL Hockey Detroit Red Wings at Vancouver Canucks	(HDTV) (Live)	Crashed Ice	Crashed Ice	Crashed Ice	Crashed Ice	Crashed Ice
244	338	7	CICT	16:30-Picturing	renegade	Ice Blues (2008, Mystery)	Chad Allen, Sebastian Roberts	Love-Death	G-Spot	News Final (N)	News Final (N)
246	-	8	KCAL	what's cooking	Most Amazing	Glenn Martin	Out There	The Saddest Music in the World (2003, Musical)	(DVS)	Cruise	Cruise
-	372	12	KREM	College Basketball	Grey's Anatomy	Grey's Anatomy	Grey's Anatomy	Grey's Anatomy	Grey's Anatomy	Grey's Anatomy	Grey's Anatomy
-	374	14	KSPS	Daniel O'Donnell: Hope and Praise	(HDTV)	Ed Sullivan's Rock and Roll Classics: The 60s	Ed Sullivan's Rock and Roll Classics: The 60s	Ed Sullivan's Rock and Roll Classics: The 60s	Ed Sullivan's Rock and Roll Classics: The 60s	Ed Sullivan's Rock and Roll Classics: The 60s	Ed Sullivan's Rock and Roll Classics: The 60s
-	370	16	KHO	KHQ-News 6	Paid Program	CSI: NY "Rain"	Parenthood (HDTV)	Law & Order (HDTV)	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order
-	373	22	KAYU	House "Paternity"	House "Paternity"	Two/Half Men	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops
502	390	15	CBC	National	Mansbridge	The 40 Year Secret	National	News: At Issue	National	Mansbridge	The Secret
501	391	52	CNN	Larry King Live	Newsroom	Campbell Brown	Campbell Brown	Campbell Brown	Campbell Brown	Campbell Brown	Campbell Brown
400	400	21	TSN	CTV News Weekend	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News
408	418	27	net	Curling 2010 World Women's Championship: Canada vs. Sweden	From Swift Current, Sask.	The Rookies	UFC PrimeTime	Saturday Night Poker	Saturday Night Poker	Saturday Night Poker	Saturday Night Poker
552	543	20	YTV	Kid vs. Kat	League-Evil	Zeke's Pad (N)	Prank Patrol	Funnest Home Videos	That's Weird	Prank Patrol	Survive This
557	541	39	FAM	(7:01) Jonas	Overruled!	Suite Life	Han, Montana	Superman II (1980, Science Fiction)	Gourmets	Gourmets	Chopped
603	561	25	FOOD	Chopped	Chopped	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)
615	520	26	A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	(5) The Matrix Revolutions	Slings and Arrows	Vermintors (N)	Nightmare at the End of the Hall (2008, Drama)	Sara Rue	Aliens vs.	Aliens vs.
617	522	32	SHOW	(5) The Matrix Revolutions	Slings and Arrows	Vermintors (N)	Nightmare at the End of the Hall (2008, Drama)	Sara Rue	Aliens vs.	Aliens vs.	Aliens vs.
520	505	35	DISC	Dirty Jobs	Entourage	Entourage	Entourage	Entourage	Entourage	Entourage	Entourage
628	584	43	SPIKE	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	Ways to Die
522	516	45	HIST	Anticristo	Anticristo	Anticristo	Anticristo	Anticristo	Anticristo	Anticristo	Anticristo
-	-	47	AMC	(6) Dances With Wolves ****	(1990, Western) Kevin Costner, Mary McDonnell	Sex, News-Roll	1 girl 5 gays	Movie Night	Peak Season	Peak Season	Peak Season
581	566	102	MTV	Cribs	Cribs	MTV Live	Movie Night	Sex, News-Roll	1 girl 5 gays	Movie Night	Peak Season

SUNDAY

CA	Vu	SC	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
243	317	3	CFCN	Human Target (N)	Paralympics	The Amazing Race 16	Desperate Housewives	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News
-	-	4	OMNI	Hong Kong Express	Aaram (N)	Chardi Kalaa	Minute to Win It	True Triumph in Range Lake	Princess	Princess	Princess
-	371	5	KXL	News	Storm Stories	Figure Skating Thin Ice	Extreme Makeover: Home	Desperate Housewives	Jamie Oliver	Jamie Oliver	Jamie Oliver
245	306	6	CBRT	Heartland (N) (DVS)	Facing All (2009, Documentary)	George Chuvalo	The Simpsons	Cleveland	Survivorman (DVS)	Survivorman (DVS)	Survivorman (DVS)
244	338	7	CICT	The Celebrity Apprentice (HDTV) (N)	Better Off Ted	Better Off Ted	Extreme Makeover: Home	Undercover Boss (N)	Cold Case (N)	Cold Case (N)	Cold Case (N)
246	-	8	KCAL	Murdoch Mysteries	60 Minutes (HDTV) (N)	Magic Moments: The Best of 50's Pop	Minute to Win It (N)	The Celebrity Apprentice (HDTV) (N)	Family Guy (N)	Tucson	News
-	372	12	KREM	Eyes-Smiling	European Ins.	Til Death	Til Death	The Simpsons	Cleveland	Family Guy (N)	Tucson
-	370	16	KHO	KHQ-News 6	Wheel-Fortune	9/11 Phone Calls (N)	Mansbridge	State of the Union	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News
-	373	22	KAYU	House "Paternity"	House "Paternity"	Newsroom	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News
502	390	15	CBC	CBC News: The National	Larry King Live	Newsroom	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News
501	391	52	CNN	Larry King Live	Newsroom	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News	CTV News
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408	418	27	net	NHL Hockey: Sharks at Oilers	Ice Age *** (2002, Comedy)	Voices of Ray Romano	To Be Indie	Family Biz	Fries That?	Fries That?	Survive This
552	543	20	YTV	Kid vs. Kat	Overruled!	Suite Life	Han, Montana	Oh, God! *** (1977, Comedy)	Jamie's Eat to Save Your Life	Iron Chef Am.	Iron Chef Am.
557	541	39	FAM	Iron Chef America	Gene Simmons Family Jewels	50 First Dates	Kink in Hair	MythBusters "Hidden Nasties"	Life	Life	Life
603	561	25	FOOD	Iron Chef America	Gene Simmons Family Jewels	50 First Dates	Kink in Hair	MythBusters "Hidden Nasties"	Life	Life	Life
615	520	26	A&E	50 First Dates	Kink in Hair	MythBusters "Hidden Nasties"	Life	Life	Life	Life	Life
617	522	32	SHOW	50 First Dates	Kink in Hair	MythBusters "Hidden Nasties"	Life	Life	Life	Life	Life
520	505	35	DISC	Life Repeats and amphibians.	MythBusters "Hidden Nasties"	Life	Life	Life	Life	Life	Life
628	584	43	SPIKE	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	Ways to Die
522	516	45	HIST	Ice Pilots NWT (HDTV)	(5) The Mummy (1999)	Breaking Bad "No Mas"	(9:02) Breaking Bad	(10:03) Mad Men	Breaking Bad	Breaking Bad	Breaking Bad
-	-	47	AMC	(5) The Mummy (1999)	Breaking Bad "No Mas"	(9:02) Breaking Bad	(10:03) Mad Men	Breaking Bad	Breaking Bad	Breaking Bad	Breaking Bad
581	566	102	MTV	Peak Season	Peak Season	Cribs	Cribs	1 girl 5 gays	MTV Live	Movie Night	Cribs

A new show in the works?

Conan O'Brien has been presented with an outline for a deal to establish a late night show at Fox, according to The Hollywood Reporter. No official offer has been made. **EW.COM**



Television

Actors take to the studio in a new season

IAN JOHNSTON
for Metro Canada



James Lipton is legendary for the in-depth research he puts into every interview on Inside The Actors Studio.

But to hear him tell it, the secret to the TV show's success is the stuff he can't prepare for.

"We don't do pre-interviews with our guests. So when we meet on stage, it's for the first time. It's like a high wire act without a net," says Lipton, who begins his 16th season of hosting the Bravo series Sunday.

"The interviews are like self-portraits. The questions are meant to provoke an honest response. So I decided early on there would be no pre-interview. It forces us into a conversation."

Still, as conversations go, Inside The Actors Studio can be pretty intense. Lipton claims he works two weeks, 14 hour days, in compiling that notorious stack of 400 question cards he uses during each and every interview.

"I sleep only a few hours a night, so that helps," says Lipton, who conducts the interviews in front of students from the Actors Studio Drama School in New York.

"But I edit the show as well. You only see a portion of the interview. Sometimes they go four hours and I have to personally shut it down. Otherwise, they'd go all night."

"The record was Barbra Streisand. She went to two-thirty in the morning."

This season's interviews are an eclectic mix that kicks

tow (Superbad), to the voice cast of TV's Family Guy.

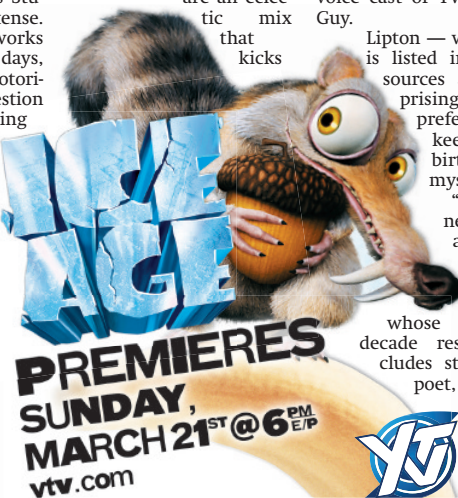
Lipton — whose age is listed in various sources as a surprising 83 — prefers to keep his birthday a mystery.

"This business is very ageist," says Lipton,

whose six-plus decade resume includes stints as a poet, novelist, Broadway lyricist, soap opera writer,

and actor.

"In my early acting days, I used to add years to my age so I'd be considered for leading man parts. Perhaps it's coming back to haunt me."



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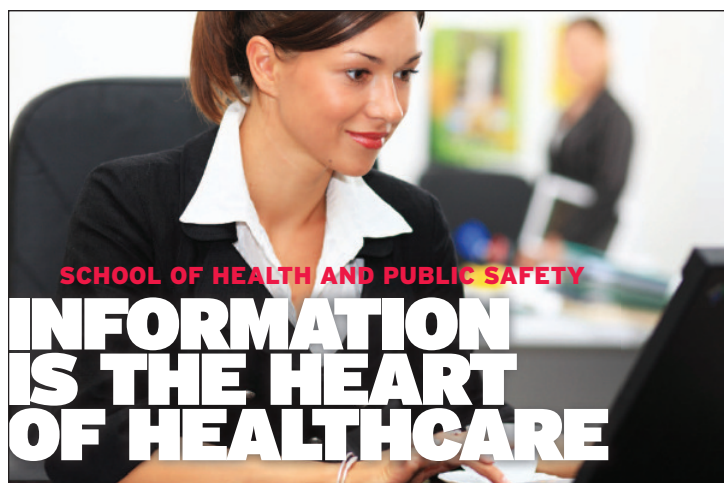


James Lipton hosts a new season of Inside The Actors Studio.

In the spotlight

Guest line up

- James Cameron (Sunday)
- Kate Hudson (Sunday, March 28)
- The cast Family Guy (April 4)
- Amy Poehler (April 11)
- Judd Apatow (April 18)



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What You Need

1 can (170 g) chunk crabmeat, drained, flaked
125 g (1/2 of 250-g pkg.) Philadelphia Light Brick Cream Cheese Spread, softened
2 green onions, thinly sliced

1/4 cup Miracle Whip Calorie-Wise Dressing

12 won ton wrappers

Make it

HEAT oven to 350°F.
MIX first 4 ingredients.
LINE each of 12 muffin cups

Nutrition Information

Per Serving: 70 calories, 3.0 g total fat, 1.5g saturated fat, 15mg cholesterol, 220mg sodium, 6g carbohydrate, 0g dietary fibre, 1g sugars, 3g protein, 4%DV vitamin A, 0%DV vitamin C, 2%DV calcium, 4%DV iron. Exchange: 1/2 Carbohydrates, 1/2 Meat & Alternatives

sprayed with cooking spray with 1 won ton wrapper, allowing edges of wrappers to extend over tops.
FILL with crab mixture.
BAKE 18 to 20 min. or until edges are golden brown and filling is heated through. Serve warm.

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Entertainment



Actors Jaime Campbell Bower (left) and Cameron Bright are part of a gang of bloodsuckers in *New Moon*.

Pack leaders

Bright intimidates as *New Moon*'s vampiric Alec

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada



Amidst its gooey layers of romantic delirium, last year's box office igniting *Twilight* sequel *New Moon* (arriving on DVD and Blu-ray this Saturday) had a few welcome additions to its vampire riddled mythology.

One was the introduction of a pack of testosterone powered werewolves; the other — more effective — bonus was the appearance of the dreaded Volturi, a black cloaked sect of ruthless, red-eyed aristocratic bloodsuckers led by Oscar-nominated actor Michael Sheen (*Underworld*, *Frost/Nixon*).

Hidden among the Volturi's pasty faced ranks was actor Cameron Bright. If the name doesn't immediately jump out at you, the face just might. Bright, now 17, is the former child star of such thrillers as the 2004 sci-fi shocker *Godsend*, the eerie Nicole Kidman melodrama *Birth* and the over the top 2006 film *Running Scared*. In *New Moon*, he plays Alec, a powerful vampire who — like his intimidating brethren — is neither good nor evil.

"I see the Volturi as the government," says Bright. "They're the leaders of the vampire nation, the

"If you're a leader you have to make difficult decisions, sometimes, and you have to be strong... and feared."

Cameron Bright, actor

ones who enforce the laws. And if you're a leader you have to make difficult decisions, sometimes, and you have to be strong... and feared."

And fear is what the Volturi trade in. Bright's Alec is at first glance, an almost cherubic figure, but one who wields the lethal ability to completely shut off his victims' senses, rendering them virtual vegetables. It's just another novel reimagining of an iconic monster — the vampire — that has caused both the *Twilight* books and the films to be controversial amongst purists. "I think our vampires are really interesting," says the actor.

"We have a side history, something unique. Sometimes I hear people criticizing the way the vampires are presented in the film, the fact that we glitter and turn into diamonds but, here's the thing: vampires don't exist! We can portray them anyway we want to."

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Glee's Mays to star in Smurfs

Glee's Jayma Mays will pair with Neil Patrick Harris in Sony's planned feature Smurfs. Mays, who plays Emma Pillsbury on the Fox series, will star opposite Harris as his pregnant wife in the movie that blends live action and animation. TVGUIDE.COM

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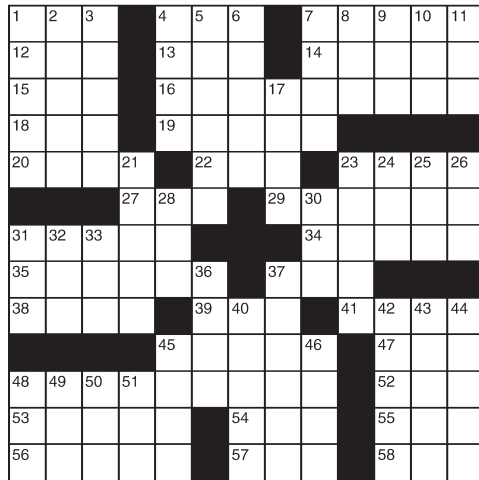
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ACROSS

1 Penny prez
4 Greet the villain
7 Drive away
12 Auto
13 Dadaist Jean
14 Adult insect
15 Storm center
16 Heart of a tennis racket
18 Sinbad's flyer
19 Avis competitor
20 Act like a goat
22 Varnish ingredient
23 Understands
27 Piercing tool
29 "Yay!"
31 Texas mission
34 Head-strong?
35 Universe
37 Menagerie
38 Get a glimpse of
39 "Entourage" character
41 Fumble
45 39-Across, e.g.
47 Mauna —
48 Old-time

prospector
52 Every last bit
53 Leaked slowly
54 Vast expanse
55 "Mayday!"
56 Taylor or Tyler
57 Mess up
58 Away from WSW

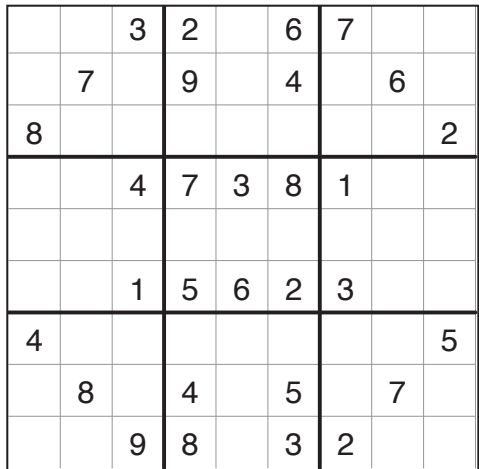
DOWN

1 Tart in tone
2 Louisiana marsh
3 Upright
4 Wild party
5 "1984" author
6 Phantom's bailiwick
7 Cracker name
8 911 responder (Abbr.)
9 Political patronage
10 Id counterpart
11 Sodom evacuee
17 Engrave
21 Debbie Reynolds role
23 Bridezilla's tolerator
24 Detergent brand
25 Highland headgear
26 Timid
28 Court
30 Roswell sighting
31 Expert
32 Part of UCLA
33 Venomous viper
36 Palm starch
37 Barb
40 Get extra value from
42 Decree
43 Criminal
44 Quiz answer, maybe
45 Tosses in
46 "— she blows!"
48 Scatter seeds
49 Reaction to fireworks
50 Submachine gun
51 — U.S. Pat. Off.

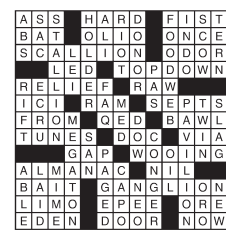
Sudoku

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3	8	9	2	1	7	6	5	4
4	5	2	9	6	3	8	1	7
9	3	7	6	5	1	4	8	2
6	4	1	8	7	2	5	9	3
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Metro Recipe of the Day



Roast Vegetable and Bean Stew

INGREDIENTS:

1 small acorn squash
1 lb new potatoes, scrubbed and cut into 1 1/2-in. chunks
2 carrots, cut into 1 1/2-in. chunks
2 parsnips, cut into 1 1/2-in. chunks
2 large zucchini, cut into 1 1/2-in. chunks
2 tsp olive oil
1 garlic clove, finely chopped
4 large sprigs of fresh rosemary, plus extra to garnish
2 cans (540 ml) pinto beans, drained and rinsed
1 cup apple cider
1 cup hot vegetable broth
Salt and pepper

METHOD:

1. Preheat oven to 400°F (200°C). Halve squash and remove seeds, then peel skin and cut flesh into 1 1/2-in. chunks.
2. Put squash in bowl and add potatoes, carrots,

parsnips and zucchini. Drizzle olive oil over vegetables and toss to coat. Stir in garlic, and season lightly with salt and pepper.
3. Lay rosemary sprigs on bottom of large roasting pan and spread vegetables on top in single layer. Roast until lightly browned, about 30 minutes, turning once.
4. Remove from oven and stir in pinto beans, cider and broth. Cover pan tightly with foil, then return to oven and cook until vegetables are tender, 20 to 25 minutes. Before serving, remove rosemary stalks and garnish with fresh rosemary sprigs.

SERVES 6

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
You feel you must do something to get your life moving again but you have no idea what it might be — a most frustrating state of affairs.



TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Don't waste time agonizing about what you are doing and whether it is right or wrong. Everything is the right thing, so why worry?



LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
If you are tense today it may be because you are worried about a financial matter. The problem may be minor but your mind has made it appear huge.



SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
Do you go with the flow or do you try to impose your will on a situation that others have found difficult?



GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
If you go too far in one direction you will find that something pulls you back in the opposite direction and it may not be a pleasant experience.



SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
You don't have to be sociable. You don't have to be the life and soul of the party. If you want to be alone with your thoughts today do it.



CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Look on the bright side and bright things will happen. Your mind is a powerful tool and should be treated with respect and used with caution.



CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
It's not true that all Capricorns think that money and status are the most important things in this world, and even if you are one of those.



LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Is your conscience bothering you? Even if it is, there is no reason to believe you are about to be punished for what it was that you did.



AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
You may not entirely trust a certain person but you have made a promise to support them and they are relying on you, so don't let them down.



VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
You know what you want to say but putting it into words is not so easy. But who says you have to be chatty?



PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Because you are not sure what you want it might be best not to make any decisions, no matter how much others urge you to get your act together.



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Marie Osmond returned to the stage in Las Vegas with brother Donny just 11 days after the tragic death of her son, Michael Bryan, but the star is finally taking some extra time off to mourn her loss, popeater.com reports. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Taking some time off ... finally

Celebrity Buzz

Blind siding Ms. Bullock

AND AFTER THAT ACCEPTANCE SPEECH ABOUT PICKING THE RIGHT GUY ... DOESN'T IT MAKE YOU FEEL A LITTLE ILL? Sandra Bullock is reportedly set to split from husband Jesse James, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Oscar-winning actress has been left heartbroken by allegations the motorcycle enthusiast cheated on her with tattoo model Michelle (Bombshell) McGee and friends say there is now no way

back for the couple.

A source told America's OK! magazine, "Sandra is devastated. Jesse has tried to smooth things over with her, but to no avail. She's still leaving him."

According to People magazine, the 45-year-old beauty left the marital home on Monday and has since cancelled a planned trip to the

UK next week to promote her movie *The Blind Side* — the film which won her the Best Actress Oscar.

On Wednesday, it was alleged James had enjoyed a fling with mother-of-two Michelle.

She claimed he had told her his marriage to the actress was over and romanced her while Bullock was away filming *The Blind Side*.

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Daughter of a preacher man

THE WHITE GOWN GOES ON AND RELIGIOUS ROOTS COME OUT Katy Perry wants to get married in a church, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer — whose parents Mary and Keith Hudson are both Christian pastors — reportedly told her fiancé, British comedian Russell Brand, she wanted to tie the knot at a location close to her Los Angeles home, but turned down his suggestion of a

recording studio at the Sunset Marquis hotel.

"Russell has been visiting the hotel for years and it is steeped in rock 'n' roll history," a source told the *Daily Mirror* newspaper.

"It's in the middle of West Hollywood, but it has beautiful gardens and you feel like you are in some kind of tranquil paradise. Katy was keen,

but when it was suggested they could have their blessing in one of the recording studios, she put her foot down."

Although his request was rejected, 34-year-old Russell — who originally wanted to marry in India, where they got engaged on New Year's Eve — was not too upset and has told Katy, 25, he is willing to go along with her ideas for her dream day.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

He didn't go down the Hall way

BUT THERE MAY BE SKELETONS IN THE CLOSET Director Sam Mendes is slamming a British tabloid report that his marriage to Kate Winslet ended because of an affair with British actress Rebecca Hall, us-magazine.com reports.

Following Monday's announced breakup of Winslet, 34, and Mendes, 44, after seven years of marriage, Britain's *Daily Mail* newspaper claimed that Mendes and Hall became romantically involved after meeting in

2006.

A rep for Mendes calls the charge "utter nonsense ... untrue and ridiculous." The Vicky Cristina Barcelona star, Hall, 27, worked with Mendes on the 2006 indie *Starter for 10* (which Mendes produced) and has collaborated on various theater

projects.

Sources have told *Us Weekly* that it wasn't infidelity but career-related issues that caused Winslet and Mendes' marriage to unravel.

Mendes found his wife "overbearing" while they filmed *Revolutionary Road* together in 2007.

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When Donkeys spread rumors about me I don't Respond cause I'm the master that leads them to the Well to drink the Water.

@ActuallyNPH
As if life couldn't get much more surreal these past weeks (oscars, glee), I'm about to board a private jet to Vegas with JLo and the Rock.

@samantharonson
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P. Diddy's 'Play-ahs'?

LET THE GAMES BEGIN P. Diddy has apparently become so obsessed with soccer that he's considering buying a British team, according to the Sun.

"Diddy was in London meeting football fixers a couple of weeks ago. The finance is in place, he's just deciding who he thinks he'll make a bid for," a source says.

"Portsmouth — who are also in severe debt — were mentioned, but he thought Palace were a better idea. He could cover their debt and bankroll a return to the Premier League. He liked the name as well."

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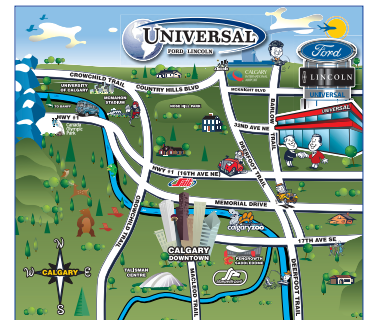
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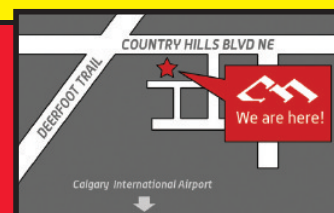
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